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Cubans Pay Cut Off

The utter folly of our policies leading up to, and triggering, the Cuban invasion are spotlighted again by the admission in Miami, by a government official, that the Central Intelligence Agency has been paying the Cuban military corps.

The admission came because the CIA decided to end payments to the Cubans. These trainees received notices of termination of their pay on plain stationery, with no government identification on the letters.

Now it is dragged out in the open and admitted, that we recruited an army and set up bases in Louisiana, Florida and Guatemala, and paid these anti-Castro Cubans with CIA money.

The farce is only increased by our clumsy effort to cut off the pay to these "hired soldiers" by blank stationery letters. They are now being encouraged to enter the armed

services.

The more one studies the United States policies concerning Cuba in recent months and years the more incredible the whole thing becomes. Our bungled invasion of Cuba has cost us the friendship of many of the Cuban people, despite what we might want to believe, for no people take kindly to invasion from a big, foreign neighbor, even if they are not pleased with their own government.

All of which brings us around to the Cuban refugee program. The Cubans have a communist dictator. Many of them support him. While we may not like that, and while many Cubans may not, and while we can work in every way possible to undermine communism and that government, it is not up to the United States to absorb all the disgruntled Cubans who want to come to this country.

DUT ALLEN DULLES

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Allen W. Dulles will leave his post and retire before the end of the year. This was confirmed recently by the White House.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said there was nothing new in the Dulles plans—that the director had been asked to stay on in his job when President Kennedy took over in the White House and that he had requested he be relieved after a year.

Dulles' tenure in the CIA was both long and controversial. The last year has been perhaps the most controversial period, for in that time the grim fiasco that was our attempted invasion of Cuba took place.

Thus he leaves office at a time when the CIA, and his reputation, are at their lowest ebb in recent years. History alone will prove who was the blame in the Cuban interlude. At this time the CIA is sharing the blame for that costly failure.

Dulles' career as an intelligence officer, of course, dates back to the time when the United States did not have much of an intelligence service of any kind. In fact, it wasn't until World War II that this country made a serious effort in this field. Now, of course, we make a major effort and maintain one of the largest intelligence services in the world.

Whether we are adept in this field or some of the older countries is a good question. But it would seem that Dulles has been the country on the road to building and maintaining one of the world's best intelligence systems. For this the nation is indebted to him.